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**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks**

The reply filed on 09 November 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The format of the amendment is improper. At pages 1 and 2 of the amendment to the claims it appears that the version of the claims to be entered is a marked-up version; only a clean version of the claims can be entered. The "Clean Version" and the "Version with Marking" found as an appendix were not associated with instructions for either to be entered. It is also noted that Applicant has provided a substitute specification, including a marked version. The substitute specification, however, does not include any claims, much less any prior amendments to the claims. See e7 CFR 1.1259(a). Applicant is requested to provide a new version of the substitute specification, which incorporates all amendments to the claims as well as amendments to the text, and to reflect any such changes in the marked version of the specification. Applicant need not provide amended claims under separate cover as they would be included with the substitute specification. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bradley L. Sisson whose telephone number is (703) 308-3978. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from between the hours of 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, W. Gary Jones, can be reached on (703) 308-1152. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1234.

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